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MCLAUGHLIN: CBS News has learned that yesterday's bombing of a U.S. facility in Brussels may be just the beginning of a major outbreak of anti-American terrorism in Western Europe. High on the list of potential targets are American military and diplomatic installations and the people who staff them. One administration source, who tracks anti-American terrorism, said, 'There's a lot going on. The problem is large, growing and serious. People are very much on the alert.' U.S. and allied intelligence officials say the threat is two-prong. In Western Europe, there is evidence that several terrorist groups have joined forces to plan attacks on American targets. The other threat comes from the Middle East. Western intelligence sources have monitored an unusually high number of suspected terrorists moving into Europe through Spain, Italy and Greece. Sources say the obvious fear now is that the terrorists are planning to launch attacks next week, timed to coincide with inauguration day. 'All we can do,' said one source, 'is to be extra careful and keep our heads down.' Bill McLaughlin, CBS News, the State Department. <